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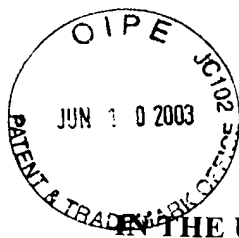
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Election Of Species Requirement that was mailed on January 14, 2003, and, further, in response to the Office communication dated May 20, 2003, the initial period for response to which is set to expire on June 20, 2003.

REMARKS

The Election of Species Requirement of January 14, 2003, and the Office communication of May 20, 2003, have been received and reviewed. Claims 1-34 are currently pending in the above-referenced application and are all subject to the Election of Species Requirement.

Information Disclosure Statement

Please note that an Information Disclosure Statement was filed in the above-referenced application on September 11, 2001, but that an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 that accompanied that Information Disclosure Statement has not yet been returned to the undersigned attorney. It is respectfully requested that the information cited on the PTO-1449 be considered and made of record in the above-referenced application and that an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 that evidences the same be returned to the undersigned attorney.

Election of Species Requirement

As noted above, claims 1-34 of the above-referenced application are subject to an election of species requirement. The Office has identified two groups of species of invention. The first group includes the following species:

- 1) defining at least one aperture through a preformed polymeric film before positioning the preformed polymeric film over a semiconductor device;
- 2) defining at least one aperture through a preformed polymeric film while (*i.e.*, simultaneously with) positioning the preformed polymeric film over a semiconductor device; and
- 3) defining at least one aperture through a preformed polymeric film after the preformed polymeric film has been positioned over a semiconductor device.

The second group includes the following species:

- 1) introducing conductive material into at least one aperture of a preformed polymeric film by chemical vapor depositing or physical vapor depositing; and

2) introducing conductive material into at least one aperture of a preformed polymeric film in the form of a preformed conductive structure.

It is respectfully submitted that the first species of the second group, which includes chemical vapor depositing or physical vapor depositing into the at least one aperture, might also include other known deposition techniques, such as electrolytic, electroless, or immersion plating processes, and the like.

An election is hereby made, without traverse, to prosecute the first species of the first group; *i.e.*, defining at least one aperture through a preformed polymeric film before positioning the preformed polymeric film over a semiconductor device and to prosecute the first species of the second group; *i.e.*, depositing conductive material into the at least one aperture.

It is respectfully submitted that each of claims 1-3, 5-10, and 12-22 reads on the elected species of the first group of inventions, with claim 1 being the most generic claim of the species.

It is also respectfully submitted that each of claims 1-8, 10-22, and 23-34 reads on the elected species of the second group, with claim 1 being the most generic claim of the species.

It is further submitted that claim 1 is generic to each of the three species that have been identified by the Office in the first group, as well as to both of the species that have been identified by the Office in the second group. In the event that claim 1 is found to be allowable and remains generic to each of the identified species, it is respectfully submitted that claims 4, 11, and 23-34, which read on the third species of the first group, and claim 9, which reads on the second species of the second group, must also be allowed.

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An early action on the merits of claims 1-3, 5-8, 10, and 12-22 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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